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1. BOTH PAN AM AND TWA ADVISE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PRESENT NEW SCHEDULES TO CIVILAVIA WHICH WOULD MEET CRITERIA "SUBTERFUGE" MENTIONED IN PARA 2, STATE 10792. IN PAN AM'S CASE AIRCRAFT ACTUALLY EITHER GOES THROUGH BRUSSELS AND FRANKFURT OR VIA TEHRAN, AND SINCE NEITHER BRUSSELS NOR TEHRAN ARE SHOWN IN US ROUTE SCHEDULE, WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH ITALIAN INTERPRETATION. IN TWA'S CASE AIRCRAFT IS A CHARTER FROM U.S. TO FRANKFURT WHICH COULD THEREFORE BE QUESTIONED BY ITALIANS. IN BOTH CASES THEREFORE ITALIAN PROHIBITION ON ONE-WAY FLIGHTS MEANS THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL-CARGO SERVICES BY PAN AM AND TWA. MOREOVER, IN VIEW OF ITALIAN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT 747 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND PAN AM'S DECISION NOT TO USE ANYTHING BUT THIS AIRCRAFT IN ATLANTIC AFTER APRIL, PAN AM WOULD HAVE TO SUSPEND ALL-CARGO SERVICES INDEFINITELY.

" PAN AM IS RECOMMENDING THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES U.S. TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION BY DISAPPROVING APPROPRIATE ALITALIA ALL-CARGO FLIGHTS. IT BELIEVES THAT IT HAS

NOTHING TO LOSE AND THAT CONTINUED US INABILITY TO DEAL WITH ITALIAN VIOLATIONS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WILL SET BAD PRECEDENT. WE ARE SEEKING VIEWS OF TWA AND SEABOARD. IN MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

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